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NOTE DATED 25 MAY 1951 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING THREE COMMUNIQUES
ISSUED BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
COMMAND IN KOREA

The Representative of the United States to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Security Council, the following communiques issued by the Headquarters of the United Nations Command, as indicated below:

Eighth Army communique 387, issued at 7:00 P.M.,
Thursday, May 24, 1951 (5:00 A.M., Thursday,
Eastern daylight time)

United Nations Naval Forces summary of Thursday,
May 24, 1951, operations

General Headquarters communique 894, issued at
9:40 A.M., Friday, May 25, 1951 (7:40 P.M.,
Thursday, Eastern daylight time)

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 387, ISSUED AT 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY
(5:00 A.M., THURSDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

Light scattered enemy contacts were reported along the Korean front as United Nations forces continued their attacks in pursuit of rapidly withdrawing enemy.

1. Republic of Korea forces continued to patrol and screen the area southeast of the Imjin River reporting no enemy contact. To the east, United States Army elements sent a task force to Parun with little or no enemy contact. Northeast of Uijongbu a United States Army task force probed the Kachae area north-northeast of Chango with little or no enemy contact reported.

2. United Nations forces on the central front continued to advance, registering gains from 2,000 to 9,000 yards against light enemy resistance. United States Army elements engaged scattered small groups of enemy south of Chunchon with one engagement continuing as of 12:15 P.M.

3. United Nations forces on the eastern front continued to advance against scattered small-arms fire from small groups of enemy in the sector.

UNITED NATIONS NAVAL FORCES SUMMARY OF MAY 24 OPERATIONS

Navy and Marine Corps pilots flew over 225 sorties from floating air bases yesterday in attacks on enemy front line troops and rear area supply routes.

Controllers reported the Navy and Marines got excellent coverage during the close air support strikes in the eastern and central sectors. No estimate of enemy casualties was made. During the day's action, the carrier-based planes were credited with destroying or damaging 156 buildings, eleven bridges, eighteen rail cars, fuel dumps, sampans and a tank.

Task Force 77 Skyraiders, Corsairs and Panther jets concentrated attacks in Eastern Korea in around-the-clock flights. Night and dawn hecklers flying off the Philippine Sea and Boxer picked off trucks in several areas in Northeast Korea and scored hits on anti-aircraft guns.

Close air support attacks were made across the eastern sector from Chumanjin to Hongchon.

Marine Corsairs from the light carrier Bataan swept into the same sector, northeast of Hongchon, killing thirty enemy soldiers in napalm attacks on entrenched troops and gun positions. North of Haeju the Leatherneck fliers made rocket and bombing runs on twenty-five railroad cars. Sampans were sunk by the Marines near Chinnampo.

The light cruiser Manchester with destroyers Base, Duncan and Mason battered gun positions, road traffic, railroads and bridges in the Wonsan area, which has been under siege for ninety-eight consecutive days.

To the north on the east coast of Korea, United States and Canadian destroyers and frigates continued bombarding transportation networks in the Songjin and Chuuronjang areas.

Sharpshooters aboard the destroyer Tucker put nine out of fifteen 5-inch shells into a tunnel mouth south of Songjin. Two more hits were registered on another tunnel in the same area. Later yesterday, the Tucker's marksmen scored eight direct hits on another railroad tunnel mouth near the city. The destroyer H.M.C.S. Nootka destroyed a bridge in the same area.

During blockade patrols yesterday morning, the destroyer Stickell fired at railroads and highways near Pyong, midway between Hungnam and Songjin. During the morning the Stickell bombarded railroad junctions in Songjin. The frigate Sausslito shelled transportation targets at Chuuronjang and moved southward hitting similar targets at Songjin during the day.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE 894, ISSUED AT 9:40 A.M.,
FRIDAY (7:40 P.M., THURSDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

United Nations ground units advanced against light to moderate resistance in the western and central sectors Thursday as armored infantry patrols probed far ahead of attacking units. The eastern sector was relatively quiet as friendly units continued to adjust positions with only scattered hostile contact.

Blockade and close support operations by naval, surface and air units continued as carrier-based aircraft ranged along the battle line, inflicting casualties and damage on the enemy north of Haeju and Hongchon. East coast transportation networks were shelled by United Nations cruisers and destroyers with excellent results.

Enemy troops and supplies immediately in front of the United Nations advance were attacked by land-based fighter-bombers with excellent results. Medium bombers attacked the Pyongyang airfield to continue interdiction of enemy airfields in Korea, and during the night struck enemy troop dispositions in the battle area with high explosives. Air resupply of our troops continued.
